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EXAMINING GROUP 1646

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Scott A. Robertson, et al.

Examiner: M. Brannock

Serial No: 09/884,211

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Docket: 15755 (PC10743A)

For: NOVEL MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR  
SEQUENCES AND SCREENING ASSAYS TO  
IDENTIFY COMPOUNDS USEFUL IN  
REGULATING ANIMAL APPETITE AND  
METABOLIC RATE

Dated: October 4, 2004

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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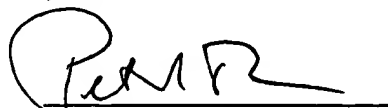
In response to the Final Action dated June 3, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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